

IN THE CLAIMS

1. (Amended) A collector for an alkaline secondary battery comprising;  
a nonwoven fabric including a core-sheath composite fiber of a polypropylene core  
and a polyethylene sheath, which nonwoven fabric has been hydrophilized by one of  
sulfonation, gaseous fluorine treatment and vinyl monomer grafting; and  
a nickel film plated on the nonwoven fabric.

16. (Amended) An alkaline secondary battery comprising a collector including a  
nonwoven fabric including a core-sheath composite fiber of a polypropylene core and a  
polyethylene sheath, which nonwoven fabric has been hydrophilized by one of sulfonation,  
gaseous fluorine treatment and vinyl monomer grafting; and a nickel film plated on the  
nonwoven fabric.

18. An alkaline secondary battery comprising a collector including a nonwoven fabric  
which has been hydrophilized by one of sulfonation, gaseous fluorine treatment and vinyl  
monomer grafting; and a nickel film plated on the nonwoven fabric, wherein the nonwoven  
fabric includes crimped fibers.

Cancel Claims 6-15 and 19.

REMARKS

Favorable reconsideration of the present application is respectfully requested.

Allowable Claim 18 has been rewritten in independent form. The non-elected Claims  
6-15 have been canceled without prejudice to the filing of a divisional application directed  
thereto. Claim 19 has also been canceled. Claims 1-5 and 16-18 remain active in the  
application, of which Claim 18 has been allowed.

Concerning paragraph 5 of the Office Action, it is noted that the incorporation by